In The claims

1. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine comprising~~,~~:

a main frame structure;

active elements such as~~,~~ conveyor belts, transposing apparatuses~~,~~ or robots;

intermediate elements for affixing the active elements to the main frame structure including,

a plurality of pairs of profile members respectively arranged ~~in pairs~~ in parallel mutually juxtaposed relationship, said pairs including a first set of said pairs extending longitudinally and crossing transversally an extending second set of said pairs;

first clamping plates disposed at a height between the mutually crossing pairs of said profile members at the locations at which said first pairs cross said second pairs; said first clamping plates further including,

at sides bearing against the longitudinally extending pairs of profile members the first clamping plates ~~for holding the intermediate elements at a defined spacing overlapping both profile members of a pair of profile members and having~~ have projections which stick up laterally of said profile members to hold the profile members at a defined spacing to form a guide means for sliding movement along the longitudinally extending pairs of profile members, ~~for holding the profile members of a pair of profile members at a defined spacing;~~ and

at sides bearing against the transverally extending pairs of profile members, the first ~~a~~ clamping plates have projections which stick up laterally of the transversally profile members to hold the profile members at a defined spacing and to form a guide means for sliding movement along the transversally extending pairs of profile members;

second clamping plates disposed on top of an upper most of said pairs of profile members and on a lower side of the lower most of said pairs of profile members at the locations where said first pairs cross said second pairs, said second clamping plates further including,

at sides bearing against the upper and lower second pairs of profile members respectively, the second clamping plates have projections which stick up laterally of the profile members to hold the profile members at a defined spacing;

first and second clamping plates overlap both profile members in a pair of profile members; and

at the locations where said first pairs cross said second pairs there is an intermediate space therethrough through which a clamping mechanism extends perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of the intermediate elements between the profile members of each pair of said crossing pairs for clamping together the clamping plates.

~~mechanism extending perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of said intermediate elements between the profile members of a pair of profile members for clamping the clamping plates~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine as set forth in claim 1 wherein said plurality of pairs of profile members have narrow sides and are flat bar members whose profile stands on edge and wherein said first and second clamping plates are applied in overlapping relationship to the narrow sides of the two profile members of a pair and have projections which stick up laterally of the narrow sides.

3. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine as set forth in claim 1 wherein said plurality of profile members may be selected from the group consisting of ~~also be in the form of~~ T-shaped, double T-shaped, U-shaped, round ~~or~~ and quadrangular profile members.

4. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine as set forth in claim 3 wherein said plurality of profile members have a hollow interior.

5. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine as set forth in claim 1 wherein said plurality of profile members are of a metal material.

6. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine as set forth in claim 1 wherein at least one of said first and second clamping plates has at least one transverse ~~opening~~ recess at a side in opposite relationship to the side with said projections.

7. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine as set forth in claim 6 wherein said

at least one transverse ~~opening~~ recess between the projections on the one side of the first clamping plate extends in plan view perpendicularly to said projections on the other side of said second clamping plate.

8. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine as set forth claim 1 wherein said first and second clamping plates are of a metal material.

9. (Previously Amended) A packaging machine as set forth in claim 1 wherein said clamping mechanism is a clamping screw.

10. (Previously Amended) A packaging machine as set forth in claim 1 wherein said clamping mechanism has a cam lever.